What Can I Do With A Major In: International Studies

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DESCRIPTION
Learn about international politics, world cultures, languages and globalization from faculty with international expertise. You also will be studying business, communication, history, art or any other discipline offered at WCU. The result will be unique programs that better prepare you for a variety of career fields with a global perspective.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

Senior Sales Support Specialist | Foreign Service Officer | Account Manager
Aerospace Service Administrator | Geo-Political Analyst | Senior Study Abroad Advisor
Army Analyst | Humanitarian Affairs Advocate | Technical Engineer
International HR Specialist | International Data Processing | Attorney
Bank Examiner | International Lawyer | Trade Assistant
Case Coordinator | International Sales Administrator | Trade Specialist
Computer Sales Associate | International Sales Specialist | US Diplomat
Customer Service Manager | International Trade Specialist | Writer
Customs Broker (Imports) | Linguist Supervisor | Geographer
Litigation Manager | Travel and Tourism | Language Teacher
Management Analyst | Executive Assistant | Managing Director
Expatriate Associate | Marketing Director | Financial Analyst
Expatriate Representative | Online Education Coordinator | Project Coordinator
Financial Analyst | Foreign Broadcast Information | Sales Manager

WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?
Cross Cultural Communications | International Commerce | International Law and Policy
| International Public Service | International Marketing & Trade Firms | International Real Estate Firms | Travel and Hospitality Industries | Consulting Firms | Government Agencies | United Nations | Relief and Religious Organizations | U.S. Foreign Services | National Security Councils | Non-Profit Organizations | Peace Corps | International Community Organizations

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION
At Western Carolina University there are numerous internship opportunities for students. In some cases internships are established through a faculty member in the student's major. Oftentimes students find part-time jobs in an area related to their field of study. When this happens, students should discuss with their academic advisor the possibility of receiving credit. Generally, three hours of GE credit can be earned for a minimum of 200 hours of experience.

Interested in the classes you’ll be taking? Check out the International Studies Course Catalog http://catalog.wcu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=36&poid=4818&hl=International+Studies&returnto=search
WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?

KNOWLEDGE
- Ability to recognize existing and emerging global problems.
- Ability to recognize multiple problems and solving strategies in an international context.
- Design a realistic problem-solving strategy appropriate to the problem.
- Ability to develop an intellectual framework from which one may select an appropriate solution based on practical, legal, theoretical, and ethical constraints.
- Able to communicate with people from different cultural backgrounds.
- Understanding of the opportunities to participate in shaping local communities throughout the globe.
- Understanding of the ethical and moral importance of life choices.
- Understanding how to use informed judgments to guide their future plans.

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES
- American Foreign Service Association - www.afsa.org
- American Translator’s Association - www.atanet.org
- Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs - www.cceia.org
- Institute of International Education - www.iie.org
- International Studies Association - www.isanet.org
- Institute of World Affairs - www.iwa.org
- Peace Corps - www.peacecorps.gov
- United States Department of State - www.state.gov

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the “Groups You May Like” link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES

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